



# Fact Sheet

Larry Hogan  
Governor

Boyd K. Rutherford  
Lieutenant Governor

Christopher B. Shank  
Executive Director

## Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG)

### Working to stop gun violence across Maryland

#### Program Information:

The Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000 established the Cease Fire Council to assist in the establishment of programs designed to reduce firearms related crime. Funding for the program is appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland and administered by GOCCP. Pursuant to GVRG program rules, any law enforcement agency or prosecutor's office with an articulated need and a viable plan for addressing firearms related violence is eligible to apply. By statute, GOCCP, working in conjunction with the Council, may only consider funding for programs that address the following criteria:

- Comprehensive and coordinated law enforcement and prosecution programs that target criminals and juveniles who use or illegally possess firearms
- Law enforcement and prosecution salaries and overtime in support of firearms reduction programs
- Covert firearms related investigations and debriefing of criminal and juvenile arrestees and offenders for information related to illegal firearms trafficking
- Initiatives that support the identification of illegal firearms traffickers and the tracing of firearms used to commit crimes or delinquent acts
- The purchase of technology and information systems to support firearms violence reduction initiatives
- Other efforts that aid in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals and juveniles who use or illegally possess firearms

#### Eligibility:

- Law Enforcement Agencies and/or State's Attorney's Offices

Match: Not Required

#### Tentative Dates for the GVRG Program:

- NOFA posted: February
- Electronic and Hard Copy Due Dates: March
- Project Start Date: July 1

#### Supported Programs

- Firearms Tracking Unit
- Violent Crimes Unit
- Project EXILE
- Gun Tracing Task Force
- Community Prosecution
- Cease Fire Enforcement Initiative
- Surveillance
- Gun Trafficking Investigation
- Targeted Enforcement
- Specialized Equipment
- Personnel
- Overtime Support

Updated March 2015

Technical Assistance Videos are available at <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/>

To learn more please contact Danielle Whitestone (GOCCP) at (410)821-2834 or [dwhitestone@goccp.state.md.us](mailto:dwhitestone@goccp.state.md.us)